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A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the YEAR 1943.

TO THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROMNEY MARSH.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors:-

The area of the District is 31,031 acres.

The Resident Population, according to the Registrar-General's returns was:- 2596.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1943, according to the Rate Books was 870.

The Rateable Value was £20,451.

The sum represented by a penny rate was £56. (cash basis).

VITAL   STATISTICS

				Males:	Females:	Total:
LIVE BIRTHS:-	Legitimate	...	...	17	16	33
	Illegitimate	...	...	2	-	2
				19	16	35

This gives a Birth Rate of 13.48 per 1000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England & Wales was:- 16.5 per 1000.

Birth Rates for the past five years were:-

							Romney Marsh:	England & Wales:
1939	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.87	15.00.
1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.99	14.60
1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.31	14.20
1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.47	15.80
1943	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.48	16.50
Average:							13.42	15.22.

DEATHS:-	Males:	Females:	Total:
	13.	11.	24.

This gives a Death Rate of 9.24 per 1000 of the estimated population.

The Death Rate for England & Wales was:- 12.10 per 1000.

Death Rates for the past five years were:-

							Romney Marsh:	England & Wales:
1939	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.11	12.10
1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.76	14.30
1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.77	12.96
1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.41	11.60
1943	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.24	12.10.
Average:							12.45	12.60.

STILL BIRTHS:- Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births:- 27.7.

There was one Male legitimate Stillbirth.



Deaths from Puerperal causes	- Nil
" " Cancer (all ages)	- 4
" " Measles( " " )	- Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	- 1
" " Tuberculosis	- 2

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:- There were two, one Male & one Female, and both were legitimate.

" All infants per 1000 live births:- 57.14.  
 " Legitimate infants per 1000 live births:-57.14.  
 " Illegitimate infants per 1000 live births:- Nil.

There was no unusual or excessive Mortality.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	- 2
Whooping Cough	- 9
Measles	- 4
Pneumonia	- 4
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	- 1
Ophthalmia Neonatorium	- 2
Tuberculosis	- 7

The two cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorium suffered no impairment of vision.

The Tuberculosis cases were three male pulmonary, one female pulmonary, one male non-pulmonary and two female non-pulmonary.

#### WATER SUPPLY:-

The Public Water Supply, both from the Littlestone and the Mid-Kent Companies was satisfactory and there was no shortage. Samples from the Littlestone Company's Mains are taken twice a month and have been always very good, and there has been no overchlorination. Reports of samples taken at the Barham Pumping Station of the Mid-Kent Company's Water are forwarded to me monthly and are always very good.

The other Public Health Services remain the same.

I am, Lady & Gentlemen,  
 Your obedient Servant,

6th September, 1944.

ARNOLD McMILLAN.

